

OFFICE OF THE
SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

The Elections Office experienced a slower mode in 2008 after having a year filled with excitement and lots of hard work, that year being 2007 in which the General Election was held and in which there was a change in Government.

ADMINISTRATION

The Elections office after being fully staff for the 2007 General Election was reduced to 3 members, the Supervisor of Elections Ms Juliette Penn, Administrative Officer Mrs. Karen Maduro and Mr. Kiel Julian, Clerical Trainee.

Mrs Karen Maduro Administrative Officer, applied in March, 2008 to retire from the public service after serving for 27 years and celebrating her 60th birthday in August, 2008. Mrs Maduro began her pre-retirement leave on the 31st December, 2008.

REGISTRATION AND DELETIONS

Continuous voter registration for 2008 slowed down from the previous year. A total of twelve (12) persons were registered, five (5) persons were transferred and eighty-nine (89) names of deceased persons deleted from the register. The following is a table of deletion of deceased persons by districts for 2008.

Deceased persons by Districts

| <u>District</u> | <u>No. of Deaths</u> |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| First | 11 |
| Second | 10 |
| Third | 9 |
| Fourth | 9 |
| Fifth | 15 |
| Sixth | 13 |
| Seventh | 6 |
| Eighth | 8 |
| Ninth | 8 |

The Supervisor of Elections has continued to educate the general public about continuous voter registration by publishing "Notices of Registration" in the Gazette and local newspapers in accordance with the Elections Act, 1994. It is hoped that the general public would take advantage of the continuous voter registration and not wait for an election year to apply for registration.

VOTERS REGISTRATION CARDS

The Election Office continues its quest to have voters registration card implemented. All the ground work has been laid, and all additional information supplied to Cabinet as requested. The Election Office is awaiting Cabinet's approval.

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

The Supervisor of Election Ms Juliette Penn attended the Association of Caribbean Electoral Organization Conference sponsored by the Organization of American States (OAS) in Jamaica at the Pegasus Hotel in Kingston Jamaica from the 6th - 9th November, 2008.

Ms Juliette Penn, Supervisor of Elections was also schedule to travel to the United Kingdom in September, 2008 to attend an Electoral Administration Course being offered by RIPA, however due to a communication problem she was unable to do so.

STORAGE

Storage for the Election Office was identified in December, 2008 at the Skelton Baylot Warehouses. Approval to rent was communicated to the Supervisor of Elections, by the P.S. in the Deputy Governor's Office, however the lease document has not been signed.

VOTER REGISTRATION DATABASE BACK UP SYSTEM

In April, 2008 the Election Office was equipped with its own permanent Database Back Up System. This system is back up daily.

CONCLUSION

In 2008 the Election Office continued to encourage voters to register to vote. The office continue to focus on being prepared.